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LAGOS FOR AGATT

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, CM

SUBJ: RESTRICTIONS ON COFFEE SALES

REF: STATE 111015

1. E/C OFFICER AND AGATT (LAGOS) MET WITH DIRECTOR BASIC PRODUCTS HAMATOUKOUR WHO AGAIN EMPHASIZED ROLE OF COFFEE AND COCOA EXPORTS AS BASIS OF CAMEROON ECONOMY AND GURC REVENUE. GURC INTENDS STIMULATE COFFEE PRODUCTION AND EXPAND EXPORTS. HAMATOUKOUR ALSO REPEATED ARGUMENT MADE SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST THAT STABILITY OF PRICES FOR BOTH COFFEE AND COCOA WERE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. BUT PRICE MUST BE STABILIZED AT LEVEL WHICH (A) RECOGNIZED ROLE OF BASIC PRODUCTS AS PRIMARY SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR FARMERS AND GOVERNMENTS; (B) RECOGNIZED POLICY OF GURC AND OTHERS THAT PROTECT FARMERS FROM WORL MARKET FLUCTUATIONS BY GUARANTEEING PRICES TO FARMERS (WITH ANNUAL INCREASES IF POSSIBLE) THAT WOULD/COULD NOT BE DECREASED REGARDLESS OF WORLD MARKET FLUCTUATIONS; (C)

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RECOGNIZED THAT EARNINGS FROM BASIC PRODUCTS ARE USED AS BASIS FOR SELF-DEVELOPMENT AS OPPOSED STEADILY INCREASING DEPENDENCE ON EXTERNAL AID; AND (D) RECOGNIZED NEED FOR STABILIZED PRICES AT A SUFFICIENT RETURN TO FARMERS IN COMPETITION WITH STEADILY RISING PRICES TO FARMERS FOR FOOD STUFFS. THIS WAS THE AONLY WAY TO BUILD A STABLE MARKET SITUATION.

2. HAMATOUKOUR, WHILE FIRM IN HIS THINING AND OPPOSITION TO SOME US COMMODITY POLICY, HAS ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDLY AND OPEN IN HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EMBASSY. SINCE HIS RETURN FROM THE LAST COFFEE MEETING, HOWEVER, HE HAS APPEARED GUNUINZ TUUPSET BY US ATTITUDE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS A GUNUINE SHORTAGE OF COFFEE, PRICES ARE HIGH, AND CAMEROON IS MAKING MONEY. A FEW YEARS AGO, HOWEVER, WHEN PRICES WERE LOW AND CAMEROON WAS RUNNING A MASSIVE TRADE DEFICIT, NO ONE INCLUDING THE US GOT UPSET ABOUT IT. HE MAINTAINS COOPERATION IS A TWO-WAY SHREET.

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